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State Dept. review completed

TO: SECRETARY KISSINGER
FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT
SUBJECT: PL 480 AGREEMENTS FOR SYRIA AND EGYPT

WE ARE CURRENTLY PROCESSING TWO REQUESTS FOR PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATIONS WHICH WOULD ALLOW SALES OF FOOD TO SYRIA AND EGYPT. STATE ADVISES US THAT EGYPTIAN DETERMINATION SHOULD BE PROCESSED URGENTLY TO ALLOW SECRETARY BUTZ TO SIGN THE AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING PL-480 AGREEMENT WHILE HE IS IN CAIRO ON NOVEMBER 11.

BEFORE WE PROCEED WITH THIS REQUEST WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU APPROVE OF BUTZ SIGNING THE AMENDMENT. PLEASE ADVISE.

STATE ORIGINALLY TOLD US THAT IT EXPECTED BUTZ TO SIGN THE DAMASCUS AGREEMENT TOO. HOWEVER THE AGREEMENT (WHICH WILL REQUIRE CONSIDERABLE NEGOTIATION IN ADVANCE) IS NOT NOW EXPECTED TO BE READY FOR SIGNING ON NOVEMBER 12 WHEN BUTZ VISITS DAMASCUS.

WARM REGARDS.

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